

## United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Interested Party,

The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range (PMWHR) Prescribed Fire Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-MT-010-2010-0047 and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available for a 30 day public review and comment period. The documents will be available at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Billings Field Office (BiFO) website at <a href="http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings\_field\_office.html">http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings\_field\_office.html</a>. The comment period will be conducted beginning September 25, 2013 and ending on October 24, 2013

This EA is tiered to the PMWHR/Territory EA (MT-010-08-24) and Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) May 2009. This tiered EA has been prepared to analyze the impacts associated with wild horses and other resources from implementing prescribed fire on portions of 6,200 acres of the PMWHR. The analysis from the HMAP is incorporated by reference. All other impacts and affected environment are already described and analyzed in the HMAP and subsequent FONSI and Decision Record (DR). These documents are available at http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings\_field\_office/wildhorses/pryorherd.html

Comments about the EA or unsigned FONSI can be sent to <a href="mailto:blm\_mt\_wildhorse@blm.gov">blm\_gov</a> or at the letterhead address by close of business October 24, 2013. To best ensure your comments are received, they can be sent in a written form and mailed or hand delivered to the Billings Field Office. The BLM will consider any substantive comments and revise the EA or FONSI as appropriate. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the PMWHR by the Billings Field Office. If you have any questions concerning the EA or unsigned FONSI, please contact Jared Bybee, Montana/Dakotas State Wild Horse and Burro Specialist at (406) 896-5223 or Craig Howells, Fuels Specialist, at (406) 896-2971.

Sincerely,

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